SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : In the United States of America, artificial rain is produced very successfully. There is even a separate ministry constituted for the purpose of looking after this. Will our Government send a representative to the United States of America to get expert advice?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Constitution of a separate ministry does not mean that experiments in artificial rain have been conducted successfully. If experiments have been successful, I do not think it is necessary to create a separate ministry for the purpose. I do not know what information the hon. Member has about what is happening in the United States of America. This Government have no information about the successful conduct of experiments not only in the United States of America but in any part of the world.

SRI K. G. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER : கோயம்புத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் தாராபுரம், பல்லடம் தாலூகாக்கள் பஞ்சத்தால் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இங்கு இயற்கை மழை பெய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : நாம் செய்கிற பரீட்சை வெற்றிகரமாக ஆகுமோ ஆகாதோ என்பது இன்னும் தெரியவில்லை. அப்படி வெற்றிகரமாக இருந்தால் தாராபுரம், பல்லடம் தாலூகாக்கள் மட்டுமல்ல, எல்லா இடங்களிலும் அதைச்செய்யலாம். அம்மாதிரி செய்யக் கூடிய பரீட்சை இன்னும் பூர்த்தியடையவில்லை.

Service regularisation of basic training school teachers, Malabar

* 284-B *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have regularised the services of all the teachers in the basic training schools in the Malabar district;

(*b*) if not, the number of such teachers whose services still remain to be regularised; and

(*c*) the reasons for not regularising their services yet?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Two school Assistants.

(*c*) The question of regularising the services of all school assistants employed in the basic schools in the State is being considered by the Director of Public Instruction.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Government kindly take immediate steps to regularise the services of those employees of the Education Department appointed under Rule 10 (*a*) (i), who have more than ten years service to their credit, and make them permanent so that they may get increment and other benefits which the permanent employees enjoy?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is under the consideration of the Director of Public Instruction.

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Dr. K. B. MENON : May I know whether the appointments made under Rule 10 (*a*) (i) in other departments also are numerous and whether the Government are taking any measure to give security to the incumbents under the conditions of change?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : In certain cases, the final selection will have to be made by the Public Service Commission. So, unless the Commission makes the selection, we cannot regularize the appointments. Subject to that, active steps are now being taken to regularise as many appointments as possible.

Damage by wild elephants in North Malabar

* 2(PN) Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that since August 1956 wild elephants of Coorg forests are attacking the crops, properties, houses, etc. in Kokkot Pathi Malai in Pulingom in Vayakara amsam in Payyanur Firka and in Pattapara in Thatikatav amsam in Taliparamba Firka in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what precautionary measures the Government have taken to protect the peasants and inhabitants in the abovementioned places from the attacks of the elephants?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have enquired into the allegation that there were attacks of wild elephants of Coorg forests in the Malabar territory in Kokkot Pathi Malai in Pulingom in Vayakara amsam in Payyanur Firka and at Pattapara in Thatikadav amsam in Taliparamba Firka in North Malabar district, since August 1956, resulting in destruction of crops and property. The District Forest Officer, Kozhikode, has reported after enquiry that no such incidents appear to have taken place in these areas. A further report from the District Forest Officer, Kozhikode, after detailed enquiry among the villagers is awaited and suitable action will be taken in the matter.

Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Attacks by wild elephants from the Coorg forests have actually taken place. I visited the area and the victims themselves reported to me about it, and that is why I put the question. In view of the fact that three families have been actually forced to live on trees, so many acres of punam cultivation has been destroyed and some houses have been destroyed, will the Government be pleased to make an immediate enquiry into the matter and see that the peasants are protected?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I accept whatever the hon. Member says as firsthand information and I may assure him that the Government are taking necessary steps in the matter.